

# BASEBALL SEASON ENDS WITH TRIS SPEAKER AND HAL CHASE THE LEADING SLUGGERS

## HAL CHASE AND TRIS SPEAKER RULE MAJOR LEAGUE HITTERS; STRUNK ONLY "A" IN .300 CLASS

Cincinnati First Sacker Completes Most Successful Season of Career on Diamond, Leading Tender Organization

TO TRIS SPEAKER, of the Cleveland Indians, and Hal Chase, of the Cincinnati Reds, goes the honor of leading the American and National Leagues, respectively, in hitting this year.

Speaker unmistakably is supreme among the American swatmen, but two young gentlemen, although Giants, Fred Holke and Lewis McCarty by name, are credited with better marks than Chase. Merry Prince Hal, however, is the right leader and deserves the crown, having participated in more games than the two mentioned.

Amos Strunk was the only backman to finish the season in the .300 class, the slacker lagger being rated at .317. Stuffy McInnis failed to reach the select division for the first time since Connie Mack entrusted him with the regular care of first base on the Athletics. Stuffy's mark for the campaign was .283.

While Hal Chase's performance in grabbing the batting laurels for the year is an item of tremendous interest when the National League is the subject of discussion, the real music, to a Philadelphia's ear, is Grover Cleveland Alexander's accomplishments. G. C. presented Pat Moran with thirty-three victories as his share in keeping the Phils hovering around the top and reported ten defeats. Alex twisted sixteen shut-outs, breaking Jack Coombs' record by three games; struck out 169 men, gave fifty bases on balls and allowed 325 hits.

Luders, who finished second to Larry Doyle in the battle for the premier batting honors last year, hit for .286 this season. Doyle dropped almost out of sight. Cedric Cravath was tied with Rudy for the honor of leading the Phils with the stick.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING AVERAGES  
Players who have taken part in fifteen or more games

Tris Speaker	141	410	116	168	8	8	8	353	343
Hal Chase	141	410	116	168	8	8	8	353	343
Amos Strunk	141	410	116	168	8	8	8	353	343
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